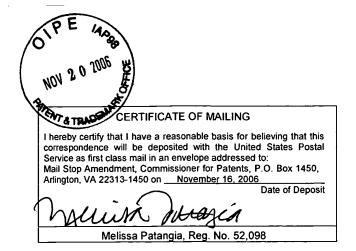
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This Amendment is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed September 19, 2006, for which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set. The Listing of the Claims begins on page 2. Applicants' Remarks begin on page 6. Applicants believe that this Amendment is timely and complete and that no fees are presently due. To the extent that it is determined that fees are due to continue the prosecution of the captioned application, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fees as may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 03-1620, referencing Attorney Docket No. X-0150.